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PART VI.

OFFICIAL PAPERS.

RULES FOR RECRUITMENT TO THE GRADE OF MUNSIFFS.

Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

No. J. 2643—Cts. 199-14-4, dated 25th January 1917.

Order.—With a view to improve the efficiency of the Judicial Service the following rules are laid down in consultation with the Chief Court in regard to recruitment to the grade of Munsiffs:—

1. A competitive examination for the selection of candidates for appointment as Munsiffs will be held ordinarily once every two years. Particulars as to the number of candidates to be selected, etc., will be notified in the Gazette at least three months before the date of the examination.

2. The examination will be restricted to graduates who fulfil the following conditions:—

(i) They must be graduates in law who have practised for at least four years as Advocates, or five years as First Grade Pleaders or as First Grade Pleaders and Advocates or have been employed under Government for at least five years in posts carrying a salary of not less than Rs. 50 per mensem or who have taken their degree in the first class.

(ii) They must be natives of Mysore by birth or domicile.

(iii) They must be aged below 30 years, or in the case of practitioners below 35 years, provided they have begun to practise as Advocates (or First Grade Pleaders) below 30 years; and

(iv) They must be respectable and of good character.

N.B.—(A person acquires a domicile in Mysore when he has voluntarily fixed the habitation of himself and his family therein, not for mere special or temporary purpose but with the present intention of making it his permanent home. A continued residence for five years shall be *prima facie* evidence of having acquired a domicile.)

3. Candidates who fulfil the above conditions and are desirous of competing shall send in their applications (with necessary certificates, etc., in the form annexed hereto, to the Registrar, Chief Court, not later than a date to be fixed for the purpose.

4. The candidates approved by Government shall be required to present themselves before a Medical Board appointed by Government at a place and on a date to be notified in the Gazette who will examine them with special reference to their physical fitness for the Judicial service.

5. All the candidates passed by the Medical Board will be subjected to an examination in the following subjects:—

(1) Drawing up of judgments on records furnished and reference books allowed;

(2) Recording depositions given in Kannada and English in actual cases;

(3) Evidence and pleadings;

(4) Rules of Practice (Civil and Criminal) and preparation and examination of each and other registers of Courts; and

(5) Criticism of cases actually decided or of decisions propounded by the examiners on hypothetical cases.

6. The candidates will be arranged in order of merit according to the number of total marks obtained, provided that marks obtained in any one or more subjects shall be altogether left out when they are below 25 per cent and no candidate be considered to have passed unless he obtains 50 per cent of the total number of marks.

Candidates to fill up the number of advertised vacancies will be selected from the list of successful candidates in order of rank.

7. All details connected with the examination will be arranged for by the Chief Court, who are requested to submit for the information of Government, a final report as to the results of the examination, the names of the candidates selected for appointment, etc.

8. After these rules come into force, no appointment of a Munsiff shall be made except of a person declared to be successful in a competitive examination held as above, provided that one appointment in every four may be made by nomination on special grounds of a person who is a graduate in law or a Barrister-at-Law, the nomination being made by the Chief Court in consultation with Government.

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Secretary to Government,
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To—The Registrar, Chief Court of Mysore.

Form of application for permission to appear for the competitive examination for the selection of Munsiffs, to be held on.....and the following days:—

Name in full of candidate.	Date or dates of passing the B.L. and B.A. Degree Examinations.
Age and date of birth.	What other University Examinations the candidate has passed with dates of passing them.
Place of birth.	Period for which the candidate has practised as an Advocate or First Grade Pleader, with date of enrolment.
Place of usual residence.	Period for which the candidate is under the employment of Government with date, pay and name of appointment.
Name and occupation of father or other guardian.	Testimonials, forwarded by the candidate.
Place of usual residence of father or guardian.	
Race or caste of candidate.	
Present position or occupation and address.	